

(c) No, sir.

(d) One Army Officer and three Civilian Officers have been placed under suspension.

(c) Any act of omission and commission in the Army is thoroughly investigated and action taken as per rules and regulations governing Army.

Anomalies in MES Civil Pensions

4442. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the retired MES civil pensioners from Yol in Himachal Pradesh in regards to anomalies in their pension grants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Tank Deal with Russia

4443. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Pioneer' dated 16th February, 2001 captioned "\$600-M tank deal with Russia";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to strengthen the indigenous defence industry and carry out constant Research and Development and regular upgradation of fighting equipments in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the comprehensive proposals formulated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A contract has been signed on 15.2.2001 for the import of 124

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Fully Formed T-90S Tanks and 186 Tanks in Completely Knocked Down (CKD) form along with Transfer of Technology for indigenous manufacture in India.

(c) and (d) Strengthening of indigenous defence industry, carrying out constant* Research and Development work and upgradation of fighting equipments in the country is done by various Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Defence Research and Development Organisation, on a continuous basis through existing know how, development of new technologies and through Transfer of Technology wherever required after establishing cost effectiveness.

CAG's Observation Regarding Defence Supplies During Kargil War

4444. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has observed several instances of delayed delivery, single vendor deals and faulty purchases of ammunition, equipments and clothing during the Kargil war;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) With a view to ensuring absolute probity and utmost transparency in defence procurements, the Government has decided that all decisions taken by the Ministry of Defence/Service Headquarters/SOs etc. relating to major defence procurement purchases^award of works etc. of a value of Rs. 75 crore and above would be subject to a time-bound scrutiny/audit by the C&AG and thereafter, wherever considered necessary, formal reference will be made to the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) for initiating necessary action from disciplinary/vigilance angle. The C&AG has also taken up the cases relating to the emergency procurements for Kargil operation on priority basis. The case files relating to these procurements were sent to C&AG for review. C&AG has observed and some instances of delayed delivery, single vendor deals and faulty purchases of ammunition, equipment and clothing during the Kargil